



Avian (H5N1) & Pandemic Influenza Update

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Summary:

There have been eight cases and four deaths reported thus far for 2009. Affected areas in 2009 have been China (Hunan, Guizhou, Shandong, and Shanxi Provinces and Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region – these include areas in NW, NE, north central, and south central China) (6 cases and 4 deaths) and Egypt (2 cases and 0 deaths).

At this time there is no evidence that the virus has mutated and become capable of efficient person-to-person transmission.

There have been increasing reports of domestic poultry stocks that have been diagnosed with H5N1. These reports have come from Cambodia, Nepal, Vietnam, India, and China.

The majority of human cases have occurred in areas where ill poultry have been identified. However, some human cases in China have occurred in areas where ill poultry have not been identified. It is unclear whether this is due to underreporting.

US report:

The government released an update on federal preparedness activities including funding to develop technology to reduce the amount of time necessary to develop vaccine. You can read more on federal preparedness activities at:

<http://pandemicflu.gov/plan/panflureport6.html>.

Current World Health Organization (WHO) Phase of Pandemic Alert:

Pandemic Alert Phase 3 (A new influenza virus subtype is causing disease in humans, but is not yet spreading efficiently and sustainably among humans.)

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